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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the forty-fifth regular session, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annexes I-VII). Although some of these provisions have already been implemented, many of them have not yet been or have been only partly implemented. Some of them have acquired an urgent character in view of the financial difficulties facing the United Nations and the efforts being undertaken in the process of renewal and reform of the Organization.

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI and VII of its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as General Assembly decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI, paras. 1 and 2) and Assembly resolution 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII, para. 4).

B. Rationalization of work

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

6. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts: 2/

(a) The relevant provisions of recommendation 2 read as follows:

"The number of conferences and meetings can be significantly reduced and their duration shortened without affecting the substantive work of the Organization. To this end:

"...

"(b) The General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should request their subsidiary bodies to review urgently their current agendas and schedules of meetings in order to reduce substantially their number, frequency and duration. In this context, the move towards biennialization of conferences and meetings, which has been initiated particularly in the economic and social fields, should be vigorously pursued;

"(c) As there continues to be large differences between planned and actual utilization of available conference resources by numerous United Nations bodies, these bodies should be requested to provide a more realistic assessment of their needs. The Committee on Conferences should, in co-operation with the bodies concerned, ensure that wastage of conference-service resources is minimized through a reduction in the projections of the length and, where appropriate, the frequency of meetings of those bodies that have consistently utilized a lower level of resources than planned;"

(b) The relevant provisions of recommendation 3 read as follows:

"The procedures and methods of work of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, particularly its Main Committees, should be streamlined and thereby made more effective. Many recommendations have been put forward to this effect. In this connection, the following points should be emphasized:

"(a) The high cost of holding meetings of the principal organs of the United Nations makes it imperative to utilize fully available services. The responsibility for this rests with the presiding officers of these organs, as well as the representatives of Member States;

"(b) The agenda of the General Assembly should be rationalized by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and by setting an interval of two or more years for the discussion of certain items;

"(c) The possibility of holding the meetings of the Fourth Committee and the Special Political Committee in sequential order should be addressed;

2/ Ibid., para. 21.

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"(d) The distribution of agenda items among the Main Committees of the General Assembly and between those Committees and the plenary meetings of the Assembly should be reviewed, in order to ensure the best possible use of the expertise of the Committees and of the time and resources available;

"(e) As a rule, the General Assembly should not create new subsidiary organs without discontinuing existing ones;"

(c) Recommendation 7 reads as follows:

"Since the cost of processing and distributing as official documents communications received from Member States is estimated at $2 million per biennium, Member States should co-operate in significantly curtailing this practice. The provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 should be strictly adhered to."

Furthermore, in connection with recommendation 3 (c) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts (see para. (b) above), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, that, as at recent sessions, the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee should be avoided, to the extent possible and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-fifth session.

7. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989 on further measures for the implementation of Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council.

8. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures he has already undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform as reflected in his progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234). In this connection, the Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime continue to be in effect. Therefore, the Committee may wish to remind Member States that, as a result of these curtailments, the Secretariat will not be able to provide all the services rendered prior to 1986.

C. Closing date of the session

9. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure and in the light of the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that the General Assembly should meet for a period of 13 weeks (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, para. 4), the closing date of the forty-fifth session should be Tuesday, 18 December 1990. However, in view of the financial problems still being faced by the United Nations and in the context of the process of renewal and reform under way, and in the light of the practice at recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the

General Assembly that no closing date be decided upon at this time and that every effort be made to curtail to the maximum extent practicable the duration of the forty-fifth session.

D. Schedule of meetings

10. In the light of the practice at recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, as a cost-saving measure, morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-fifth session.

11. In view of the practice at recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings and as a cost-saving measure, the General Assembly should waive the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of the Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that it does not involve any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure pertaining to the opening of meetings.

12. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

E. General debate

13. In accordance with recent practice, the Secretary-General suggests that the general debate should begin on Monday, 24 September, and end on Thursday, 11 October 1990.

14. The Secretary-General also suggests that the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 26 September, at 6 p.m.

15. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations in the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered was prohibited.

F. Explanations of vote, right of reply and length of statements

16. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

"6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.

"7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.

"8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

17. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereof for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

G. Records of meetings

18. As at past sessions, verbatim records will continue to be provided, during the forty-fifth session, for the plenary meetings of the Assembly and meetings of the First Committee and summary records will be provided to the General Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should maintain for the forty-fifth session the practice whereby the Special Political Committee may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. These transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

"8. Decides that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;

"9. Decides further that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents;"

In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the forty-fifth session.

H. Seating arrangements

19. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

I. Concluding statements

20. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

J. Questions related to the programme budget

21. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 153 of the rules of procedure which reads as follows:

> "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

> "Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

22. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
>
> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary bodies which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
>
> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

If the General Committee decides to recommend the curtailment of the duration of the forty-fifth session, the mandatory deadline mentioned above should be adjusted accordingly.

K. Documentation

23. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

24. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize once again that the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation have not had as much effect as desired in decreasing the volume. In this connection, on the basis of previous related Assembly decisions, including the recommendations of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts mentioned in paragraph 5 above, the General Committee may wish to examine this question in depth with a view to proposing the adoption of stricter measures by the Assembly.

L. Resolutions

25. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

26. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

M. Special conferences

27. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

> "(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

28. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

N. Meetings of subsidiary organs

29. In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, section I, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to letters dated 30 August and 5 September 1990 (A/45/475 and Add.1) in which the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the President of the General Assembly that, in view of special circumstances, the Committee had recommended that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the forty-fifth session:

(a) Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(b) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(c) Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

(d) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

(e) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(f) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(g) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(h) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

30. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the forty-fifth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the forty-fifth session (A/45/150 and Corr.1); 3/

(b) Supplementary list (A/45/200);

(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item (A/45/231).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 32 below.

31. Bearing in mind the current financial crisis of the United Nations and the longer-term need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and in view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States should examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items which have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, and to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or to specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also ibid., annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall subparagraph (b) of recommendation 3 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, quoted in paragraph 6 above, whereby the agenda of the General Assembly should be rationalized by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and by setting an interval of two or more years for the discussion of certain items. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to consider:

(a) The grouping of related items under a single heading;

(b) The staggering of items over two or more years.

32. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 30 and 31 above, the draft agenda of the forty-fifth session would consist of the following items: 4/

3/ At the 96th plenary meeting of its forty-fourth session on 11 September 1990, the General Assembly decided to delete items 43 (Question of Namibia) and 17 (i) (Appointment of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia).

4/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/45/150 and Corr.1);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/45/200);

(A.): additional item (A/45/231).

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   (c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

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   (a) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

   (b) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (P.17):

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(f) International Civil Service Commission:

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission;

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5/ This item remains on the agenda of the forty-fourth session (see A/44/PV.85).

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(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

6/ This item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, remains on the agenda of that session. Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-fifth session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its forty-fourth session.

(b) Comprehensive United Nations study on nuclear weapons;

(c) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

(d) Conventional disarmament;

(e) Nuclear disarmament;

(f) Objective information on military matters;

(g) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) Naval armaments and disarmament;

(j) International arms transfers;

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86. Operational activities for development (P.87):

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Population Fund;

(d) United Nations Children's Fund;

(e) World Food Programme.

87. Training and research (P.88):

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) United Nations University.

88. Special economic and disaster relief assistance (P.89):

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance.

89. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (P.90).

90. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa (P.91).

91. Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments (P.92).

92. World social situation (P.93).

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94. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (P.95).

95. Human rights and scientific and technological developments (P.96).

96. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (P.97).

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98. Policies and programmes involving youth (P.99).

99. Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (P.100).

100. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (P.101).

101. Question of aging (P.102).

102. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.103).

103. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (P.104).

104. Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000 (P.105).

105. Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (P.106).

106. International Year of the Family (P.107).

107. International Covenants on Human Rights (P.108).

108. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (P.109).

109. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (P.110).

110. International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking (P.111).

111. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (P.112).

112. Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (P.113). 5/

113. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.114).

114. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (P.115). 7/

7/ By its decision 44/469 of 11 September 1990, the General Assembly decided that the item should read as above.

115. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.116).

116. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.117).

117. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.118).

118. Question of East Timor (P.119).

119. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.120):

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation.

120. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.121).

121. Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 (P.122).

122. Programme planning (P.123).

123. Current financial crisis of the United Nations (P.124).

124. Financial emergency of the United Nations (P.125).

125. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.126).

126. Joint Inspection Unit (P.127).

127. Pattern of conferences (P.128).

128. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (P.129).

129. Personnel questions (P.130):

(a) Composition of the Secretariat;

(b) Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

(c) Other personnel questions.

130. United Nations common system (P.131).

131. United Nations pension system (P.132).

132. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.133):

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

133. Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (P.134).

134. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (P.135).

135. Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (P.136).

136. Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (P.137).

137. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.138).

138. Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States (P.139).

139. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (P.140).

140. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (P.141).

141. Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States (P.142).

142. United Nations Decade of International Law (P.143).

143. Peaceful settlement of disputes between States (P.144).

144. Draft Code of Crimes against the Peace and Security of Mankind (P.145).

145. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session (P.146).

146. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-second session (P.147).

147. Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto (P.148).

148. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.149).

149. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.150).

150. Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (P.151).

151. Conciliation rules of the United Nations (P.152).

152. Implementation of the commitments and policies for international development co-operation agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (S.1).

153. Observer status for the International Committee of the Red Cross, in consideration of the special role and mandates conferred upon it by the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 (S.2).

154. Tenth anniversary of the University for Peace (S.3).

155. Ceremony for the presentation of the Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by world leaders at the World Summit for Children (A.1).

IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

33. The allocation of items described in paragraph 45 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years. However, the Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner which will best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the

Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

34. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

150. Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (P.151).

151. Conciliation rules of the United Nations (P.152).

153. Observer status for the International Committee of the Red Cross, in consideration of the special role and mandates conferred upon it by the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 (S.2).

154. Tenth anniversary of the University for Peace (S.3).

155. Ceremony for the presentation of the Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by world leaders at the World Summit for Children (A.1).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of these items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 150	Sixth Committee
Item 151	Sixth Committee
Item 153	Plenary meetings
Item 154	Plenary meetings
Item 155	Plenary meetings

35. In connection with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings, on the understanding that administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 8/

8/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/45/3).

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by the General Assembly or brought to its attention	Plenary meetings, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments	Second Committee
Chapter III	Questions considered directly in plenary meeting	
Section A	Implementation of the programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	Third Committee
Section B	Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees
Section C	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories	Second Committee
Section D	International co-operation in the elimination of the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant	First and Second Committees
Section E	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Third Committee
Section F	Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries	Second Committee
Chapter IV	Questions considered by the First (Economic) Committee	
Section A	Regional co-operation	Second Committee
Section B	Development and international economic co-operation	Second Committee

	Section C	International co-operation in the field of informatics	Second Committee
Chapter V		Questions considered by the Second (Social) Committee	
	Section A	Human rights questions	Third Committee
	Section B	Advancement of women	Third Committee
	Section C	Social development	Third Committee
	Section D	Narcotic drugs	Third Committee
Chapter VI		Questions considered by the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee	
	Section A	Operational activities for development	Second Committee
	Section B	Co-ordination questions	Second and Fifth Committees
	Section C	Programme questions	Third and Fifth Committees
	Section D	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Second and Fourth Committees
	Section E	Disaster reduction and relief	Second Committee
	Section F	Special economic and humanitarian assistance	Second and Third Committees
Chapter VII		Elections and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council, confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions and nominations	Plenary meetings
Chapter VIII		Organizational and other matters	Plenary meetings, Second and Third Committees

36. With regard to item 18 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Fourth Committee, as was done at previous sessions, chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/45/23) relating to specific Territories; this would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole. Furthermore, the Assembly, by its resolution 44/100 of 11 December 1989, decided, inter alia, to hold a special commemorative meeting in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The General Committee may wish to recommend that the commemorative meeting should be held on Friday, 12 October, in the morning.

37. In connection with item 34 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

38. With regard to item 37 of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

39. With regard to item 44 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session 9/ the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political Committee to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Special Political Committee.

40. In connection with item 57 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/45/371), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 57.

9/ This item has not been discussed since the thirty-seventh session.

41. With regard to item 86 (a) of the draft agenda (Operational activities of the United Nations system), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to resolution 44/209 of 22 December 1989 whereby the General Assembly decided "to observe, during its forty-fifth session, the fortieth anniversary of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system, in a manner befitting the role and achievements of such co-operation, and that United Nations Day in 1990, Wednesday, 24 October, should be the day for the commemoration of this anniversary".

42. In connection with item 104 of the draft agenda (Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads as follows:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical co-operation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 86 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

43. With regard to item 120 of the draft agenda (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the item should as previously be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the report on the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields would be considered directly in plenary meeting and that such a decision would in no way prejudge the arrangements to be made for the future consideration of the item.

44. In connection with item 126 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at previous sessions, that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

45. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 33 to 44 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be the following: 10/

10/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 4.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Nigeria (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III (section B), VII and VIII] (P.12). 11/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

11/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapter I	Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b) Chapter III (section B)	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(c) Chapter VIII	Second and Third Committees

For further details, see para. 35.

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 12/

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

    (c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (P.16):

    (a) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

    (b) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (P.17): 13/

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18). 14/

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (P.20).

21. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (P.21).

22. Implementation of the Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace (P.22).

23. Question of Palestine (P.23). 5/

24. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.24).

25. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.25).

12/ See para. 40.

13/ For sub-items (a) to (f) and (h), see "Fifth Committee", item 21.

14/ See para. 36.

26. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.26).

27. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.27).

28. The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (P.28). 5/

29. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.29).

30. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.30).

31. Zone of peace and co-operation of the South Atlantic (P.31).

32. The situation in Kampuchea (P.32).

33. Law of the sea (P.33).

34. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.34). 15/

35. The situation in the Middle East (P.35).

36. Judgment of the International Court of Justice of 27 June 1986 concerning military and paramilitary activities in and against Nicaragua: need for immediate compliance (P.36).

37. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.37). 16/

38. Question of peace, stability and co-operation in South-East Asia (P.38).

39. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.39).

40. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.40).

41. Launching of global negotiations on international economic co-operation for development (P.41).

42. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.42).

15/ See para. 37. See also footnote 5.

16/ See para. 38.

43. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.44). 6/

44. Question of Cyprus (P.45). 17/

45. Consequences of the prolongation of the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq (P.46). 6/

17/ See para. 39. See also footnote 6.

First Committee

1. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/104 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.47).

2. Cessation of all nuclear-test explosions (P.48).

3. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (P.49).

4. Urgent need for a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (P.50).

5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.51).

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (P.52).

7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.53).

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.54).

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.55).

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (P.56).

11. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.57).

12. General and complete disarmament (P.58): 18/

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Comprehensive United Nations study on nuclear weapons;

    (c) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

    (d) Conventional disarmament;

    (e) Nuclear disarmament;

    (f) Objective information on military matters;

18/ See para. 40.

(g) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) Naval armaments and disarmament;

(j) International arms transfers;

(k) Defensive security concepts and policies;

(l) Review of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament;

(m) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(n) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

13. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.59):

(a) World Disarmament Campaign;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) Nuclear arms freeze;

(d) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

14. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (P.60).

15. Science and technology for disarmament (P.61).

16. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.62):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(f) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade;

(g) Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures;

(h) Non-use of nuclear weapons and prevention of nuclear war;

(i) Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament;

(j) Prevention of nuclear war;

(k) Declaration of the 1990s as the Third Disarmament Decade.

17. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.63).

18. Israeli nuclear armament (P.64).

19. Education and information for disarmament (P.65).

20. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.66).

21. Special sessions on disarmament (P.67).

22. Verification in all its aspects (P.68).

23. Question of Antarctica (P.69).

24. Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region (P.70).

25. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.71).

26. Implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace (P.72).

27. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter III (section D)] (P.12). 19/

19/ Chapter III (section D) would be referred also to the Second Committee. For further details, see para. 35.

Special Political Committee

1. Science and peace (P.73).

2. Effects of atomic radiation (P.74).

3. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.75).

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.76).

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.77).

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.78).

7. Questions relating to information (P.79).

8. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.80).

9. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.81).

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, III (sections B to D and F), IV, VI (sections A, B and D to F) and VIII] (P.12). 20/

2. Development and international economic co-operation (P.82):

   (a) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000);

   (b) Trade and development;

   (c) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;

   (d) Food problems;

   (e) New and renewable sources of energy;

   (f) Development of the energy resources of developing countries.

3. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (P.83).

4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (P.84).

20/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapter I	Plenary meetings and Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter III (section B)	Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees
(c)	Chapter III (section D)	First Committee
(d)	Chapter VI (section B)	Fifth Committee
(e)	Chapter VI (section D)	Fourth Committee
(f)	Chapter VI (section F)	Third Committee
(g)	Chapter VIII	Plenary meetings and Third Committee

For further details, see para. 35.

5. International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (P.85).

6. External debt crisis and development (P.86).

7. Operational activities for development (P.87): 21/

   (a) Operational activities of the United Nations system; 22/

   (b) United Nations Development Programme;

   (c) United Nations Population Fund;

   (d) United Nations Children's Fund;

   (e) World Food Programme.

8. Training and research (P.88):

   (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

   (b) United Nations University.

9. Special economic and disaster relief assistance (P.89):

   (a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

   (b) Special programmes of economic assistance.

10. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (P.90).

11. Implementation of the commitments and policies for international development co-operation agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (S.1).

21/ See para. 42.

22/ See para. 41.

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III (sections A, B and E), V, VI (sections C and F) and VIII] (P.12). 23/

2. Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist régime of South Africa (P.91).

3. Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments (P.92).

4. World social situation (P.93).

5. Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination (P.94).

6. Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (P.95).

7. Human rights and scientific and technological developments (P.96).

8. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (P.97).

9. New international humanitarian order (P.98).

10. Policies and programmes involving youth (P.99).

11. Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (P.100).

23/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapter I	Plenary meetings and Second, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter III (section B)	Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees
(c)	Chapter VI (section C)	Fifth Committee
(d)	Chapter VI (section F)	Second Committee
(e)	Chapter VIII	Plenary meetings and Second Committee

For further details, see para. 35.

12. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (P.101).

13. Question of aging (P.102).

14. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.103).

15. Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (P.104).

16. Forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women to the year 2000 (P.105). 24/

17. Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (P.106).

18. International Year of the Family (P.107).

19. International Covenants on Human Rights (P.108).

20. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (P.109).

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